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[*The first ten letters are entirely lost*]

[. . .] that run away in the Rajapore River [. . .] put to Sea for ours that are watching them [. . .]

HONBLE. [SR [&]CR.]
Your most [. . .]
ROBT. [ADAMS]
JOHN [JOHNSON].
STEPN. LA[W].

TELLICHERRY
JANUY. 5 172⅔.

This evening came into this Road the Fancy and Moco Frigatt from Bengall.

PARAGRAPHS OF THE WORSHIPLL. GEORGE TAYLOR ESQR. Dated Novembr. [*About half a page of the original is lost*] time taken and Carried into Bombay the sam [. . .]enge Carried in the best and biggest of Angrias's [Grabs with Nine]ty five men on Board of which 27 were killed.

The Lyon arrived her [*sic*] the 20 Inst. and [. . .] the 24 with the John Ketch, when the Shorum and Elizabeth [came out] of the Harbour and Joyn'd them without comeing to an anchor [I] acquainted Mr. Mathews of the Gallys takeing the Portugueze [Grabs] when he said it was not safe for the Shipping to proceed up the [Coast] without Convoy, which he designed down very speedily and desired me to send this advice down the Coast, I had dispatch't this Ga[lli]vatt Sooner but she being gone to the S°ward to bring up th[e] Compas. Pepper returnd not till now.

[. . .]

[N°. 11]

[NATHANIEL EL]WICK ESQR. PRESIDENT

[. . .] Cou[. . .] [*About half a page is lost*] serves very [. . .] We may be ab[. . .] thing thereto for Yor. Interest [. . .] them to al[. . .] then they now are.

[6thly.] In the list of Debts standing [on our] Books Letter V there being many of them, in all appe[arance irrecover]able, they shall be wrote of in our next Books, accordi[ng to a di]rection signified to us in a letter from Fort St. George, [We have not] been wanting in our Endeavours to recover such of them [as are possible] for us to do.

ANDER &CR. Washers debt is Considerably lessen[ed and will] be all of itt paid in a short time more.

ERAM RAUZE bound renter haveing been hard [put to for it] hath paid Two Hundred Pagos. for his old debt of pagos. Six Hundred Forty nine and Twenty Fanams, [He is really] very Indigent and poor and hopes therefore for [your] Compassion that he shall be Considered accord[ingly] from anyfarther trouble on that account.

MADRE NAIGUE &CR. bound renters, and likewise [Ande Virago &] Chinapa arrack Farmers have an Attachmen[t on some money] of Mar Kistna formerly Dubash here for [so much extor]ted from them, they having laid their Case [before the President] and Council of Fort St. George, hope they [will be able by] that means to discharge a great part of their [debt].

Coota &c[a]. our Present Arrack renters having paid [a great part of their] Debt there is but little due from them, whic[. . .]terly with their Rent in a short time for [w[ch]. we have taken such] security as can be had here.

7[thly]. Two French Ships saild[on the] 14 Instant for France having taken in there [. . .] Hundred Bales, Consisting Chiefly of Ordinary[White] Long Cloth, and Sallampores, and about one [Hundred bales] of Beteelas.

8[thly]. We have the happiness [to inform you we] are in Perfect Peace with the Moors Gover[nment] here both Civill and military are all [*a few words lost*].

[Honourable]
Your Obedient and Faithfull
Hum[le]. Servants

Will[m]. Jennings.
J: Berlu.
R: Berriman.
Sim: Holcombe.
B: Brooke.
Jn°: Sanderson.
Peter Tahourdin.

[Fort] S[t]. David
[Jan[ry].]20 172⅔.

[P.S.]

[Enc]losed is a Copy of our Letter [of] the 16 Octob[r]. last to the Presid[t]. [and] Councill of Fort S[t]. George in [answer] to the accomptants Letter from [Engl]and, and touching our accounts and Surgeons List of Demands for [medicines].

W: J:

[N°. 12]

To the Hon[ble]. Natha[l]. Elwick [Es[qr].]
President & Gov[r]. and c[r].
[Council] of Madrass.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. and S[rs].

Your Hon[rs]. & c[r]. of the 29 October re ›mb[r]. the Hannover and Galleys &c[r]. Shipping has been with us to whom gave the necessary Precaution, and the Galleys in their Passage had the good luck to overcome two of the Portugueze Warr Grabs, and the Victoria Grab over Angrias, by taking and bringing into Bombay his Commadore, and the head Subarder as may see by the Inclosed Paper, how the Portugueze will resent their [. . .]uny time will produce, but believe if M[r]. Mathews woud [but ent]er openly and heartily in the Compa[s]. Interest, an acc[ount *one or two pages seem to have been lost*] Dubash here will deliver it with the others.

The reason why the Company [. . .] Peddedintons is because they paid no more Kings Custom for Clothes of 56 Coveds long then for a Single Sheet of 7 Covetts long, [. . .] merely for these Sheets at Maddapollum twenty Six [. . .] and now they may be bought att 18 Pago[s]. ℔ Corge wh[. . .] it acceptable Cloth.

As for the sail Cloth it may be bou[ght . . .] Pago[s]. ℔ Corge when Cotton grows Cheaper of which there [will] be a great Encrease this year.

T: F:

Ingeram 19 Xber 1722.

About 6 Weeks ago I passed over the [River of] Yannum which I had not done before, thinking itt a low Is[land] of trees, but I found it to my satisfaction very high land a[nd the] Eastermost part surrounded by the sea which may be truly [. . .] one for that Promontary of Land called Corango Poynt stret-[ching] far into the Sea that in the bottom of this Bay it is a perfect [calm] when the Sea runs very high oft of the Point, a branch of Yannum [river] runs into the Sea in this Bay, which lyes on the north si[de of the] Point on the north side of this Peninsula called Nel[lipillee] [. . .] the sea and the Bar[rier] [*About half a page lost.*]

[. . .] 6. I presume your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will approve of Nellepelle before Yannum or Gutten Dewy, then please to order us to settle upon this large and valuable Inheritance Wee will live in Cajan Houses and [. . .] Charge in building [of] them will be but a triff[le] tis said here is 50 [in the] Raj[. . .] oks, that are Inhabited I have seen near One Hundred of them [but] none Comparable to Nellepelle, where we have a Quiet Sea open to [. . .] and all that can be wish't for, on the North side is ord[. . .] made, and on the West side the Fine our [merchant] Dor[. . .]inga [. . .] the Dutch Chief Merchant, and is reckoned a very rich man, he wants to send for his Family and all his Kindred after he has built Houses at Nellepelle others the same, our living in Town makes the Rashwars uneasie they thinking it a Disgrace when we see any of their Daughters they valueing themselves [so] much for being of the Royall Tribe, this Deputy Rajowe lately told me, that no European but myself will be suffered to [live in] this Town, that mons^{r}. Curtoo and his Padre lived [under a] tree near Yannum till his [House] was built, that it w[. . .] for us to live att Nellepelle, where we [. . .] might send for Sou[. . .] as we pleased, that he was very sensible I had allways [. . .] have sight of any of their Women, as much as possible, and [. . .] the same [*About half a page lost.*]

[*Two lines lost*]

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{r}.

Yours of the 30 Ult^{o}. Came to my hands the 16 [Instant] [and] shall use all possible means in sending our [. . .] his Worship [S . . . onds] and Councill puts me in hopes, that the little Derby will come and take in our Bales.

Included is an account of a Penins[ula called] Nellepele which this Queen as [*sic*] appointed for us to settle [. . .] as this Deputy Rajowe sent me word this day, or a [settle]ment at Gutten Dewy is offered us, being an Island [surrounded] with a branch of the great River and is about twelve Engli[sh] Miles in Circumference, Scituate on the South side of itt w[here] these Country Vessells are built and is to the East of In[jeram] about Twelve miles, and lyes West of the Barr and mouth [of the] great River about Twenty Miles but their is not so [. . .] for us, nor can it be Expected we can have any more than a [. . .] Whereas Nellepelle when once Inhabited [. . .] on Co[. . .]e be ours, the Dutch have [*a few words lost* and as as [*sic*] often Hon^{d}. [Your ...] another River [*a few words lost*] depth of Water sufficient [. . .] in so that we have the use of Two Bars, as also [. . .] this Peninsula as near as I coud Judge it about Twe[lve] Miles round, about the Skirts of itt the land is low i[. . .] Excepting that part that borders upon the Sea, where it is [. . .] Land from Yannum or the West part of itt east to the s[outh] 8 or 9 miles, all high and smooth land where there is [. . .] Taramind Trees half the way this Nellepelle is [. . .] by the Fishermen, that live by the Riverside, and [. . .] that are about the middle of itt of Poor People [. . .] home I apply'd my self to this Deputy [Rajowe in order] to take a view of itt, and this day he sen[. . .] for she Reigns in her sons minority [. . .]-formable to the Cowle of Priviledge [. . .] by Rajowe Riaprose, and now Co[. . .] Timorose, and wis [*a few words lost*] and make a [*a few lines lost.*]

4 172 [. . .].

[. . .] the Portugueze [. . .] the least prospect [. . .]hen Cap^{t}. Bra[ithwaite] was treating with [. . .] [about] that affair, it was ther[. . .] by [. . . roy] and accep [. . .] by Cap^{t}. Braithwaite tha[. . .] on bo [. . .] shoud [. . .] middle of mahim Riv[er] accor[. . .] by Cap^{t}. Braithwaite, [. . .] Con[. . .] all of the north to that Purpose, accor [. . .] on [. . .] was a boat with officers, and a Flagg of Truce to the [. . .] which lay there 3 hours but not the least notice taken of [by the] Portugueze.

The three Galleys in their Passage to B[ombay met with 2 Portugueze [Grabs the] 1 Instant of Cape Ra[. . .] who [dogged them two] Days, [second] in the Evening the Comm [. . .] [fit said] Galleys, in Consultation [&] agreed that

if the [Grabs] continued their Chase the next day they would fire as [. . .] then, to know which they were which accordingly [. . .] which the Portugueze Grabs fired a [. . .] Galleys which [*a few words lost*] and se[. . .] man and has been a go[. . .] therefore I request the Favour of yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. [. . .] permitt him to live in the Compa^{s}. Service here [. . .] Vizagapatam, may be Called thither upon [. . .] not ordered to remain with me.

The Queen has not yett ordered her Sons present to be sent him, therefore tis supposed she Expects me to go with itt as I did before, Her pallace is two days Journey to the west of Ingeram, I will avoid going if possible.

I have by this Vessell sent musters of such Cloth as the Company desired when I was here before Viz^{t}.

Pa: fa:
1 P^{s}: of Peddedintoms 56 Coveds long 6 Cov^{s}. broad att 7 : 7 : ℔ [p^{s}.]
Porcolle Long Cloth 72 Coveds long 2 Coveds broad at 7¼ pa : ℔ p^{s}.
Sail Cloth 40 Coveds long 2 Coveds broad at [. . .]
[Pedded]enton makes just 8 Sheets when 4 in a P^{s}.
[. . .] Cheaper because the trouble [*a few words lost*] [... say ...] [... of 4 ...] [*a line lost*], be betwixt Madrass and Nellepelle beside if we wa[nt some] other place this Deputy Rajowe has power to Order it [us].

THOMAS [FAUCETT].

N^{o}. 13.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. NATHAN^{L}. ELWICK ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT & GOVER^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{D}. S^{R}. &C^{R}.

Our Cloth is all gone to Vizaga[patam] Included is the Invoice of itt, as also Coppy of last Letter wi[th] the Description of Nellepelle.

A Head Weaver that lives on the other side of this great River towards Madapollum, has offered to provide for the Company Long Cloth Fine, att 48 Pago^{s}. ℔ Corge and [ord^{ry}.] Long Cloth for 30 Pag^{s} : ℔ Corge, all full lengths and Bread[ths] and Proportion as now and after he brings it to Ingeram [and] his money as is now Customary, this Peons brings his Muste[rs I] remember we paid this Weavers Father Anno 1700, 100 Pago^{s}. [℔ Corge] for Long Cloth, very little Finer, they Company then Writing [they] had such a ready Markett for itt, that we coud not send them [too much] of itt, provided We bought itt much Cheaper, which in those [days] we Could nott do, so that Factory [was] withdrawn I mean [Madapollam].

We are now Indebted to our Merchants [. . .] 232 Pago^{s}. odd Fanams, for Cloth and thirty odd Pago^{s}. to our Washermen, besides Cloth to the amount of Fiveteen Bales which lyes in the Godown unsorted, which they provided for us, I finding no likelyhood of having more Pago^{s}. sent us, I did not buy it of them.

INGERAM

JANUR^{Y}. Y^{E}. 9 172⅔.

HON^{D}. S^{R}. &C^{R}.

Your Obed^{t}. Hum^{le}. Servan[ts]

THOMAS [FAUCETT].

This is the best time to buy Cloth
if yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. pleases to send some
Pago^{s}. such as are sent to Vizagapatam
Cloth may be bought Cheaper [than] we [have]
[*a few words lost.*]

No°. 14.

[To] THE HON[BLE]. NATHAN[L.] [E]LWICK ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & [GO]VER[R]. &C[R]. COUNCILL OF MADRASS.

HON[BLE]. SR. AND SRS.

The Bearer hereof is Qullera Swamy the Guardian Prophet of our Mallabar Princes he ha[th] been with the Samarine Queen of Attinga, and is now here with us having brought Writes from the Two former Sovereignes requesting we would Intercede with your Hono[r]. &c[r]. to allow him the same Charity as is given to one Chicoddi Swamy of the same Profession of the Pagoda att Madrass, this Charity as he says being raised out of the Revenues or Custome of the Country merchants and now Charged to the Hono[ble]. Company and that yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[r]. would be pleased to Issue out this Order with Consen[t] of the Inhabitants have it Published on the back of an Elephant with Power to him in Case the Governour of the Pagoda refuses to Pay him that he may arrest him and oblidge him to [a] Complyance, also that he formerly paid three Quarters of a Pa[goda] rent for his House, which has for some years been released by Governour Collett &c[r]. on Our Request, may be Incerted in y[e]. Paper [to] be released to him for ever and given to him, the Charity is Sixty Pago[s]. ℔ Annum of which he [now receives an]nually Thirty Pago[s].

This is the Request of the [Two Prin]ces as also of the King of Cannanore, if yo[r]. Honour &c[r]. gratifie them in this affair it will be a great Pleasure for [us] to hear itt and of Service to our R[t]. Hono[ble]. Master's negotiatio[ns] on this whole Coast, for if they find we are kind to their request they will not be wanting to Gratifie us in ours. We are

HON[BLE]. SR. AND SRS.

Your most Humble Servants

[TELLICHERRY].

[. . .]

ROBERT ADAMS.
JOHN JOHNSON.
[STEP[N]. LAW]

No°. 15.

TO THE HON[BLE]. NATHAL. ELWICK ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HON[BLE].
UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES
AND GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &C[R].

COUNCILL.

HON[BLE]. SR. &C[R].

My last to your Honour &c[r]. was upon a Country Boat, which Inclos'd by [*sic*] November months Account and was upon the request of Coja Gee, in behalf of his Father in Law, going from Madrass to Arcott, that your [*sic*] &c[r]. woud be pleased to Assist him with Coolies &c[r]. needfull for his Journey thither, which we hear was most Favourable Condescended to [him] for which Coja Gee has directed me to return yo[r]. Honour &[c[r]. thanks] This now accompanies my December months account, in [which] I have given Account Current Fort S[t]. Georg [*sic*] Creditt for the [. . .] Hundred Madrass Pago[s]. remitted me by the hands of M[r]. Ri[chard] Benyon and have wrote of Seventeen Pago[s]. Twenty Four Fanams, to proffitt and Loss, being for so much gaind in Exchanging them into Pollicatt Pago[s]. likewise comes my last Years 12 months Accounts, which I hope will meet your Honour &c[rs]. Approbation.

I thankfully Acknowledge your Hon^{s}. &c^{r}. Favour in giving me leave to repair the Rooms above stairs but Especially the Flagg Staff because now I hope we shall be upon a Levell with our Neighbours here, whereas hitherto it has made us look very little in the Eye of every one, that the French and Dutch, especially the Former upon an hird House, shoud Hoist a Flagg and we nott, who have [al]ways had the [better] of either of these two nations, Even Coja Gee him[self when] he was passing by the Factory and seeing [their flags but] not ours, Sent this Gross reflection [that if I] was [not] able to afford a Flagg, he would send me Betea[las] to make one, Upon which I gott one made, the old Flagg being Quite worn out hopeing your Honours &c^{r}. will lett me Charge it in my next Months Account, the Cost of it being but Seventeen Pago^{s}. which I presume yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. will think but a Trifle upon the account of keeping up the Compa^{s}. Honour here & the Dignity of the Hon^{ble}. Presidency of Fort S^{t}. George.

M^{r}. Robert Berrimans Sloop the Charles and Mary Saild hence the 9 Instant bound for Pegue, having been refitted in the River, and supply'd with Provisions and other Necessaries for her Voyage. I am.

METCHLAPATAM
JANU^{RY}. 17. 172⅔.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{R}.
Your Hon^{s}. &c^{rs}. most Obedient
and most oblidged Hum^{ble}. Servant

HUMPHREY HOLCOMBE.

N°. 16.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. NATH^{L}. ELWICK ESQ$_{R}$.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
&C^{R}. COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{R}.

This serves to Enclose two Invoices and 1 bill of Lading for One Hundred Thirty Two Bales of Callicoes, amount^{s}. [to] as ℔ Invoice Pago^{s}. 8255 23 76 Laden upon the Fort S^{t}. Da[vid] Muncha, Fifty five of which came from Ingeram overland, so th[at] We cannot tell what will be the Additionall Charge upon them [till] we receive that Account from M^{r}. Faucett, We Hourly Except [*sic*] two Bales more from the Northward, but the Wind being sprung up No.East, we cannot think it safe to detain the Vessell upon th[at account].

The 17 Instant we dispatch't Peons [with our] Accounts & Duplicates ℔ the Brillant and Derby B[. . .] voices. We are

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{R}.
[VIZAGAPATAM] Your most obed^{t}. Hu[mble Servant]s

[. . .] ROB$_{T}$. [SYMONDS].
[STEP^{N}. NEWCOME.]

[N°. 17].

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.

This Accompanies a List of Olas or Writes of Debts belonging to the Estate of William Gyfford Esq^{r}. deceasd, a great many of the Debts belonging to the Hon^{ble}. Company as appears by their Ballance of the Books L.S.

Since the Death of M^{r}. Blackett Midford, we have Examined the Deceased William Gyffords Accounts, and find his Estate Indebted to the Hon^{ble}. Compa[ny] upwards of One Hundred Thousand Rupees.

The abovementioned List was in part wro[te] by Mr. George Tullie, and all the Writes are said to be in his Hands, we doubt not but upon the Perusing of this Letter Yr. Honour &cr. Councill will find it needfull to secure all the Writes and in the name of the Honourble. Company, and for their Account, We request that the said Writes be forthwith seized.

We now return the Madrass Workm[en] which were sent here by the Honble. Francis Hastings &cr. Councill.

From Cochin we are advised of the miserable Estate of Spahaun, the Plague and Famine rage within, and a Powerfull Enemy Ravages all without, tis thought in a few Days the last will be master of the Place, if so the English Gentlemen there are to Expect no Quarters.

The Revenge Grabb has Carried into B[om]bay one of the largest of Angrias Grabbs and a good [number] of Prisoners, the Three little Vessells that came [hither] have in their Passage up the Coast been [able to capture two Portugueze] Grabbs who Fired a Broad [side by which were] killed the Second Mate of one, and some others, but after a short dispute, both the Grabbs were taken and Carried up to Bombay.

As this is likely to Widen the breach with the Portugueze, we shall not fail to give timely notice of itt to all Ships that Pass. We are

ANJENGA
JANUARY. YE. 5 172⅔.

HONBLE. SR. AND SRS.
Your very Humble Servants
ALEXDR. ORME.
J. SALISBURY.

LIST OF DEBTS DUE TO THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR. AS APPEARS BY THE SEVERALL OLAS, NOW IN MR. GEORGE TULLIES POSSESSION VIZT.

	No.		Candy.	Panams.
1719	1.	Olivan Chanar for money paid him in part of 4 Candy Pepper		1180
March 4th ...	2.	Surriangure Cunjee Momee Do.	11 Do.	3080
	3.	Andrew Gomez Niaccor Do.	2 Do.	560
November 26 ...	4.	Olivan Chanar Indebted	6 new	...
	5.	Ignatio	4	...
1718 Febry. 26 ...	6.	Raputta Bramine his Obligation for 6000 ps. of Anna Cotches.		
		Can.		
1719 January 28 ...	7.	Allejee Mercarr & Comelee &cr. 50 @ 325 ₱ Cand		16250
	8.	Mandeu Poola for 50 Candy fine Coire		1500
1718/9	9.	Canjee Mercarr & Condeel Mercarr ...	12 new	3360
		md.		
1719 January 8 ...	10.	Iloor Naran Achar	123 new.	
	11.	Carry Carr of Calliquilone for Copper sold him		3536
1719	12.	Changra Charr	7½ new ...	
[...] January 27 ...	13.	Changra Charr 51 at 325 ₱ Candy ...	...	16575
[...] 8 ...	14.	Perimall Nayre 12		
[...] 31 ...	15.	Domingo Naycarr 5		
[...] ...	16.	Cochee Condechar [...]		
1718 May 28 ...	17.	Narana Chago of Mamply	4	
1719 ...	18.	Copple Changra Charr	12	
March 4 ...	19.	Checauda Metreee & Canjee Moma ...	108½	30380
1718 July 16 ...	20.	Andrew Gomez	6	1680
1719 ...	21.	Nemoradee Curricull	15, 10, 22	...
	22.	Caudeel Mercan	5	...
December 18 ...	23.	Changra Charr	...28 @ 325 60	9100

	No.		Candy	Fanams.
1718 September 1 ...	24.	Collup Pu[tter]	...	500
1712 May 27 ...	25.	Mula Tamban supposd to be bo[t]. of M[rs]. Kyffin	...	5000
1718 Decemb[r]. 8 ...	26.	Maugadum Pully	ca. 2 Pepper	[500]
May 19 ...	27.	Cojee Mercan Shaee, & Sheekamooda note for 180 Pago[s]. due to Corta Posunga supposed to be sold M[r]. Gyfford		
1718 Septemb[r]. 11 ...	28.	Cotta Chagos ...	ca. 1 Pepper ...	... 280
January 6 ...	29.	Chereway Arcell for 1000 Candy Chinam ...		... [..]
1720 Febry 6 ...	30.	Nimary Braminys Obligation for 100 p[s]. Belilas		... [...]

N°. 18.

To the Hon[ble]. Nathaniel Elwick Esq[r]. President & Gov[r]. &c[r]. Council of Fort S[t]. George.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[r].

The Foregoing are Duplicates of our Letters by Brigan[e]. Brillant and Derby, with Copies of their Invoices, and Bills of Lading. M[r]. Faucett has sent us from Ingeram twenty Bales of Cloth, and we Expect between Thirty or Forty more, which as soon as they arrive we will load upon the Fort S[t]. David munchua, with the remaining Bales we have here, which may amount to the Number of One Hundred and Forty Bales or [more].

By this Conveyance [. . . .] Cash to the 8 Instant [*a few words lost*] the Ult[o]. December, and our Paymast[s]. Account to the ult[o]. November. We are dayly dun'd by Mucanterow, who has att present the Government; for his Customary Present & Continually alarmd with the news of our late Nabob Sanoula Cawns Brother comeing to Supercede him, We shall if we can stave of the Complyance till we are Certain who will be Firmly Invested in itt. This being what att present's Materiall. We Remaine

Vizagapatam
Janu[ry]. 17, $172\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[r].
Your most Obedient Humble. Serv[ts].
Rob[t]. Symonds.
Step[n]. Newcome.
Cha: Simpson.

N°. 19.

To The Hon[ble]. Nath[ll]. Elwick Esq[r]. Presid[t]. & Gover[r]. &c[r]. Council.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[r].

Yesterday I was to the north side of Nellepelle, where is a great many Palmera Trees I asked them why they did not shave them, and draw Toddy they said there was no People to do itt, and Certainly Coaca Nutt Trees would thrive well there, I found in this Part of the Peninsula only Herdsmen and Shepherds, very little Arable Land, Tanks of Excellent Water, and our Washer[man] says it is better to wash Cloth there than att Yannum because there is Sandy Ground to Dry itt upon; in short this Land is Capable of Great Improvement, and upon this view I cannot

think itt less than thirty English Miles round, I mett with Hares and the People said there was other wild Beasts in the Woods, which in some Places are very thick.

This Deputy Rajowe was with the Queen (who has the Executive power) abt. two months ago she then Charged him to take Care of us, and Ordered him to give us a Settlement att Gutten Dewy, or were [*sic*] we pleasd as her Husband had promised Mr. Faucett when he was att Paddaporum, and to give us as much ground as we wanted Adding, that she hoped, that a great many Rich Merchants would come to live under our Protection, that Wee might have a great name in her Country.

The French could gett no more ground than where their Factory stood, which is not so long as our Inward Fort att Madrass but the Queen said she could trust us any where.

The Subah of Gulcunday has quitted his Demand of Thirty Thousand Pagodas ℔ Annñ which he has forced from Rajowe Timerose for several Years, by bringing into this Country a numerous army and now requires only Ten Thousand Pags. as a present to Himself with the usual Tribute money, so that matters are allmost Accomodated with the nabob, Arab Beeg Cawn, and Yesterday Came Orders for the Gutten Dewy Vessells and those of Ramasheroon, and all other places to Sail.

If yor. Honour &cr. please to send a sma[ll] Vessell to Carry away our Bales, she may make severall Trips in a Year to Madrass with them, and when she wants repairing there is all Conveniences for itt att Gutten Dewy, The Jentowe Ship Wrights, that mad[e] Ships for us att Madapollum do live there.

INGERAM
JANRY. 13, 1722/3.

HOND. SR. &CR.
Your most [. . .]
[THOMAS FAUCETT.]

No. 20.

TO THE HONBLE. NATHLL. ELWICK ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERR. &CR. COUNCILL.

HOND. SR. &CR.

Yesterday we went again to Nellepelle that wee might give you all the Satisfaction we cann about the Place, when wee came near the sea side, Wee found a long Island made by the Sea, which runs from the So. side to the No. side into that River, but att low water it is very shallow especially towards the north side the Island is about Three miles in length, the breadth but little, but is so high land that the Sea never breaks over itt, here in my Opinion a Fortification may be made, that is Impregnable to the natives, in our way wee see a Garden of Coconutt Trees, many of which planted there wou'd be a Considerable Revenue, Wee passed over plain & Champion Ground in severall places, for severall miles together where we found towards the So. East part that great Quantitys of Salt might be made, and as to the Extent of the Peninsula, we perceiv'd there is no travelling about itt in a Pallenkeen in less yn. two days, which makes it little Inferiour in largeness to the Island Dewy near Metchlapatam, yett this Country so capable of Improvement seems to be neglected, so as to take very little notice of itt further than to receive the Annuall Revenue of the Head Men, which amounts to no more than One Hundred and Ten Pags. Yearly.

Most of our Bales were gott to Vizagapatam the rest were very near by our last advices from thence.

HOND. SR. &CR.
Your Obedt. Humble. Servt.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

[INGERAM]
[. . .] 1723.

No. 21.

To the Respected Gover^R. & Councill for
the Affairs of the R^t. Hon^BLE. the Engl^SH.
Company att Fort S^t. George.

Hon^D. S^R. and S^RS.

It is now some days since Wee receivd a Letter by Two Peons Seald with a Moors Seal, to which we were entire Strangers, Sign'd Nath^l. Elwick, with seven other Gentlemens names to itt the Peons told us and Wee afterwards Found by the Contents of the Letter Bearing Date the 8 December 1722 O.S. That they receivd itt from the Hon^ble. Gover^r. and Councill of Madrass with Orders to bring itt to us which they have accordingly done.

Your Honour &c^r. in the Letter desire to know our reasons for the Treatment which the Ship Diana mett with att Gaule, & the Brigan^e. Samarine att Manare w[^th.] an hint of Ill usage receiv'd by severall others, which you do not th[ink] fitt to name to us.

Att the time you speak of our Cheifs had the strictest Ord[ers] for Inspecting into the Passes of all Ships, that shoud touch [att] our Ports, the better to secure our trade from Interlopers, and others trading without the Permission of the Establishd Company in the East as well as West Indies, where they Sail with all Sorts of Passes and Commissions, which has frequently been Complain'd of by yours as well as our Company, this together with many other Old standing Orders, has oblidg'd us by every Opportunity to use such Measures, as Wee Judg'd best for the Security of our Trade, and to prevent any Encroachm^ts. upon the Sovereigne Grant our actions in pursuit of this, has allways been such, as to give no just Grounds for Complaint hitherto, w^ch. as they are by every Opportunity Transmitted to Europe, We doubt not are well known to England [and] Holland, And We cant suppose but yo^r. [Hon^r. &c^r. are] fully Inform'd of all things from yo^r. masters and therefore you must be well acquainted, how absolutely necessary it is for us to use all Imaginable Caution on our side, att this Dangerous Juncture so that were we to give no further Answer We might think our selves sufficiently Excused, nor do we think our selves oblidge to give yo^r. Hon^r. &c^r. any Account of our Orders, You tell us you design to write to Europe for satisfaction, We are well assured of the Justice of our Actions, and desire your Hon^r. &c^r. to use all probable ways to be advised of our behaviour to all the English Cap^ts. and particularly to Two, who have been lately here with the ships Shoram and Stretham, We are sure you will Find by Enquiry y^t. our Gover^s. in the Indies, have allways show'd the utmost respect to all Licensed Ships, belonging either to his Majesty, or the Hon^ble: East India Company, and to such as Sail with passes acknowledged to be valid by the s^d. Company.

In the mean time We shall by the First Opportunity Transmitt to the Hon^ble. Dutch East India Company a Coppy of Your Letter, together with an Exact list of vast number of Ships, That have come hither under severall pretences, more than those of the Kings or Compa^s. English Bottoms amongst whom We find none named Diana belonging to English Merchants, th[ere] was indeed another Bottom of that name, belonging as we were told to different Owners, and therefore we have been abus'd since We did not believe any part of her belong'd to the English Company.

As to the Brigan^e. Samarine which yo^r. Hon^r. &c^r. talk pretty largely of, the Case as We are informd is this, he came in the 23 of May last in the night a very Improper time to buy Rice and anchord before Negambo, the Cheif of which place sent him word, he must not stay there, it being Contrary to his Orders to admitt any strange Ship, upon which the Cap^t. weigh'd and went up before the wind to Manare, which is near 3 Degrees N^o. from the place he Weigh'd from, tho he had a bold Lee shore to have gone away that Coast had we had the liberty to have lett him staid, is unfitt for any Ship to ride even in the good Monsoon, and it was next to a miracle that he who was a stranger shoud escape all the Rocks and Shouls, which our own

Pilotts [are] hardly able to keep clear of beside that he Confessed he came [from] Anjengo in the S W Monsoon and might have gott to Madrass in a Few days the Common Way, to which place Yo^{r}. Honour &c^{r}. say he was bound

Wee were very much surprized and not without reason att his unaccountable procedure, whereby we could not expect any other than to lose the Vessell, being gott into the Bottom of the Bay in the S W : Monsoon, which brings in so heavy a Sea with itt, that scarce any Anchors or Cables can hold a Vessell the s^{d}. Cap^{t}. Tho^{s}. Mackie took very little pains to avoid running his Vessell aground on a small Island, were she stuck Fast after which he went to Fort Manare where he made very heavy Complaints, that he had no provisions on board, to subsist himself and Comp^{y}. with, he had no money to buy or goods to Barter for Provisions, had our People contrary to the Equitable orders of our Comp.,Consented to buy them of him, his Cargoe being of little or no value, he was going to discharge his Men, but we advised him to the Contrary, in hopes he might gett her off the sand back, on the Change of the Monsoon.

In this Condition the Christians there tho they knew the risque they ran in doing itt, were prevaild with to assist them in their misfortune, being assurd from the Cap^{t}. that he shoud be assisted with money from Madrass, which has not yett appear'd, nor was any paid in December last.

The northerly Winds Blowing, and the Vessell being luckily seated on a Sand bank, she was gott of and the Capt Saild and Escaped from that very dangerous place when through the Charity of the Inhabitants he was assisted with Provisions, for which they have not yett receivd the Paym^{t}. from Madrass, but instead of having their Demands satisfied by those who make so much Enquiry about the Vessell & being repaid with their Charity, made them advance him, Wee have receiv'd Yo^{r}. Hono^{s}. &c^{r}. unexpected Complaint, We cou'd not have believd that in so short a Time, he cou'd have taken up the Sum of Guilders 391 5 which was in a manner beg'd of them.

This is but an Ill return for their assistance to this Vessell, which came from Anjengo without [Provi]sions or any Money to provide any on their Arrivall [. . .] Port for the safety of themselves and Vessell [. . .].

Itt looked very suspicious for him to run into one of the most Dangerous places under this Government where he run the risque of losing both their Lives and Vessell & which they Certainly woud have lost, had not we tho Contrary to our Orders been prevaild upon out of Pitty and Compassion to prevent itt, nay we Further assisted them as much as if it had been a Compa^{s}. Ship, but att the same time assur'd him that no One in Future, who Endeavours so unfairly to search after a River in the Bottom of this Bay shall come of so well We therefore desire that yo^{r} : Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. will hereafter give such Directions to yo^{r} : ships, as may prevent any Innovations on the Settled Customs of this Government, and maintain a good Correspondence between us, for what we have done is for our security and according to our Masters Orders, and is the more necessary in these Dangerous times.

We Remain

COLUMBO
28 JANU^{RY} : N : S 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

HON^{D} : S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.
Your Hon^{r}. &c^{rs} : most affect^{e} :
Friends & Hum^{le}. Servants
ISAAC AUGUSTIN RUMPF :

By Order (*Loco Sig :*) of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. and high Respected Lord of the Councill of the netherlands in India and Gover^{r}. of Ceylone Isaac Augustin Rumpf and the Counc^{ll} :

Signd by the Secretary.

No°. 22.

To the Hon^ble. Nath^l: Elwick Esq^r.
Presid^t: & Gover^r: of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. and S^rs.

We are Favoured w^th. yo^r. Hon^s. &c^r. of the 31 Ult°: and have duly Charg'd Pag^s: 16511 14 42 to Sunca Ramahs Account which you paid him the 14 Ult°.

Cap^t. Gosfright delivered ashore here 463 Gunnys baggs and we receiv'd by a Munsoola from Fort S^t. George 500 Gunnys &c^r. but we have no Account of the cost of them.

A Calculate of the Charge of [new] Building both Condapa Choultry, and the Fort Bridge [will] be sent to yo^r. Honour &c^r. the latter being in such a Condition that if it be not speedily taken down must fall in a short time.

We should be glad to hear of the Lithieu[llier's] arrivall, whatsoever Vessells you shall be pleas'd to order to take [in] our Bales here, they shall be speedily dispatch't from hence, we having a Sufficient number ready for Loading the Young Derby and severall others of her Burthen that may offer.

We have paid the Merchants here twenty nine Thousand Pagodas, of the money you were pleased to send us by the Fordwich, and shall give them Bills for the residue that is Owing to them, whose accounts with the Coppys of our Gene^ll. Books Letter T our account of Cash for last month and our Warehousek^s. and Storekeep^s. list of Demands, we now send herewith, and have annexed hitherto a List of our Bales, and Remain with much Respect.

Hon^ble. S^r. and S^rs.

Your Obed^t: Humble Servants
Will: Jennings.
Jn°. Berlu.
Sim: Holcombe.
Jn°. Sanderson.
Peter Tahourdin.

Fort S^t. David
the 7 Febry 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

List of Bales.

Embaled	907
Att the Beat^s.	250
D°. Washers	913
	2070

P.S:
We send likewise our Consultations for the last Six months to Ultimo December last.
Idem.

No°. 23.

To the Hon^ble. Nath^ll. Ellwick Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George & S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.

This Serves for Covert of the [Invoice and Bill] of loading For Seventy Bales of Callicoes loaden [on] the Rama Sloop amounting to Pag^s. 3694 14 54, and to advise of our having drawn Bills upon Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^r. of this Days date For Pag^s.

8620 15 3 payable to Mouta Comrapilla For account of Sadashaverow &c^{r}. Merch^{ts}. and Pag^{s}. 6974 26 75 payable to Comrapah Chittee for account of Eram Rauze &c^{r}. Merchants and remain with much respect.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
FEBRY 15 172⅔.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.
Your most Obedient Hum^{le}. Ser^{ts}.
WILL^{M}. JENNINGS.
J. BERLU.
SIM : HOLCOMBE.
R. BROOKE.
JN^{O}. SANDERSON.
PETER TAHOURDIN.

N°. 24.

TO THE HOÑBLE NATH^{LL}. ELLWICK ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND S^{T}. DAVID &C^{R}. COUNCILL.

HON^{EE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.

The Brigan^{e}. Young Derby arrivd here the 22^{d}. Ult^{o}. with the Treasure Wares and Stores you were pleased to send us by her and since is come to our hands your Honours &c^{r}. of the 20 with Invoice and Bill of Loading For the same, together, with an Invoice of Packing Stuff Formerly sent us by a Mussoola, which shall be duely brought to account, and likewise a list of Goods to be provided here.

Wee having no Occasion for the 463 Guny Baggs that wee receiv'd From Cap^{t}. Gosfright, Wee have therefore sent them upon the Young Derby, which is now fully loaden and will sail this night or to morrow Morning.

M^{r}. Augustus Burton came here the [. . .] Ult^{o}. and has according to yo^{r}. Direction taken his place [att] this Board.

Wee observe yo^{r}. Orders in relation to the Investment, and shall have a due regard to the List you have sent us, we have already discoursed the Merchants thereupon who are very ready to undertake provided the Quantity of each sort mentioned in the List upon the Terms of their Former Contracts but they will nott allow us any abatement in the Prices of the Goods we now send musters of the Dimitys, of which if you think Proper we shall provide the severall Sorts or one only, for which wee shall waite your further Directions.

Our Income of the Ferry Passage between the Fort and Cuddalore amounting to very little more than will serve to pay the Servants that are kept for that purpose [wee] have agreed to lett itt out For the 80 Pag^{s}. ℔ Añ if you [approve] off itt.

Wee send Inclosed M^{r}. Lance (Surveyor of the Buildings his report of the Charge the new building of the Fort Bridge and Condapa Guard will come to) together with our Merchants Accounts, our account of Cash For last Month and a Duplicate of our Letter of this Instant by the Young Derby and remain with much Respect.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH 4 172⅔.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.
Your Obedient Hum^{ble}. Servants
WM. JENNINGS.
J. BERLU.
AUG : BURTON.
SIM : HOLCOMBE.
R. BRO[OKE].
J. [SANDERSON].
[PETER TAHOURDIN].

P.S.

The Merch^{ts}. Accounts not being ready, but shall be sent yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. in a Few days.

Idem.

W.J.

N°. 25.

To the Hoñble Nathll. Elwick Esqr.

Presidt. and Goverr. of Fort St. George and St. David &cr. Council.

Honble. Sr. and Srs.

This comes by the Young Derby and serves only to advise yor. Honr. &cr. of our having loaden upon her 110 Bales of Callicoes, and Four Garse of Gram being all she can take in Amountg. to Pags. 776[5] 27 36 for which Invoice and bill of Loading comes Inclosed. From

Fort St. David
The 4 of March 172⅔.

Honble. Sr. and Srs.
Your most obedient Humble Servts.

Wm. Jennings.
J. Berlu.
Aug: Burton.
Sim: Holcombe.
R. Brooke.
J. Sanderson.
Peter Tahourdin.

N°. 26.

To the Honble. Nathll. Ellwick Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George & St. David &cr. Council.

Honble. Sr. ℔ Srs.

[We] have loaden [on] the Ramah Sloop 62 Bales of [Callicoes on account of] our Hoñible Masters Amountg. to Pags. 3316 34 39 as ℔ Invoice which with Bill of Loading com[es] Inclosed, from

Fort St. David
5 of March 172⅔.

Honble. Sr. and Srs.
Your Obedt. Humble. Servants

Willm. Jennings.
J. Berlu.
Aug: Burton.
Sim: Holcombe.
R. Rrooke
Jn°. Sanderson.
Peter Tahourdin.

N°. 27.

To the Honble. Nathll. Ellwick Esqr.

Presidt. and Govr. of Fort St. George &Cr. Councill.

Hon'ble Sr. and Srs.

Our last to you was a short Letter under Date 29th. last month by Sloop Ballasore accompanying the Account charges of refitting Brigane. Derby.

Wee have now to advise you that Ships Devonshire and Bouverie, were dispatched from Pipley in Company, fully laden for Europe the 23 Instt. in the morning the Formers Cargoe amountg. to Seven Hundred Forty four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty four Rupees eight Anaas nine Pyce, and the latters to Five Hundred ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty five Rupees [. . .] Six Pyce, which we wish safe to your Ho[nour] &cr. [. . .] and John Dean Esqr. succeeds him in [the] Governmt. agreeble to our Hoñble masters directions.

When the Lethieulier arrives with you wee hope your Honr. &cr. will not omitt sending us our Quota of the Madera which our Hoñble Masters have alotted for us.

Wee desire you will please to supply us with 100 Tons of Redwood our Store be[ing] near Exhausted.

Being in want of [Sea]ls, Wee must desire your Honour &c^{r}. will please to gett five [made] for us of the sizes according to the musters sent herewith.

The Widow Gyfford assuring us that she woud go to Anjengo and Bombay in [order] to adjust her deceased Husbands Accounts, Wee permitted her to take her Passage on the Lyon man of Warr. Wee are

FORT WILLIAM
THE 31 JAN^{RY}. 172⅔.

℔ SLOOP GOSSHAWKE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.
Your very Humble Servants

JN^{O}. DEANE.
JN^{O}. SURMAN.
EDW^{D}: CRISPE.
J. FALCONER.
JN^{O}. STACKHOUSE.
MICH: COTESWORTH.
MATT^{W}. WASTELL.

N^{o}. 28.

[TO THE HOÑBLE NATH^{LL}: ELWICK] ESQ^{R}:
[PRESID^{T}:] & GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}:
GEORGE & [S^{T}.] DAVID &C^{R}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}: S^{R}. AND S^{RS}:

Our last to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: was 4 Inst^{t}., and herewith comes our Merchants Acc^{ts}: for the last month.

Wee have since rec^{d}. a Complaint from Nella Chittee for Five Hundred Pag^{s}: that he declares were unjustly taken from him, and paid to the Widow of Gonaputtee Chittee [the] Case was Determined here some time ago by arbitrators appointed for that purpose, and Nella Chittee with the Arbitrators having [been] fully heard we cannot see any reason for Setting aside the [arbi]tration Award by which itt doth not appear to us, from any [pro]of he hath given us of itt, that he has Suffered any wrong [or] Injustice, but the Widow of Gonaputtee Chittee complains y^{t}: [M]arkistna took from her the Money that was Awarded [her] by [the] Arbitrators in a short time after she had receiv'd itt; [being Four] hundred and Fifty Pag^{s}: which wee cannot further examine into as he is att Fort S^{t}. George and therefore take leave to advise you thereof, who are with much respect.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH 11TH: 172⅔.

HON^{BLE}: S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.
Your Obed^{t}: Humble Servants

WILL: JENNINGS.
J. BERLU.
AUG: BURTON.
R. BROOKE.
JN: SANDERSON.
PETER TAHOURDIN.

P.S.
Inclosed is our Storekeep^{rs}.
Acco^{t}: of Disburstments on the
Brigan^{e}: Young Derby.
Idem.

N°. 29

To the Hon'ble [Natha^{LL}: Elwick Esq^{R}:]
Presid^{T}: & Govern^{R} of Forts S^{T}. George
and S^{T}. David &c^{R}: Council.

Hon^{BLE}: S^{R}. and S^{RS}.

We have receivd the [favour] of Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. of the 11 and 14 Ins^{t}: and shall duly observe yo^{r}: Orders in relation to the Quality as well as the lengths and breadths of our Cloth to keep the Merchants to a strict Complyance with their new Contract which wee concluded with [them] yesterday.

They have as your Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: observes been very Forward in delivering their Goods which are now att the Washers and Beaters and itt will be a Considerable time before they will all ready to be Embaled and to gett the whole Quantity washed in time to be Embaled that you have ordered will keep the Washers fully Employed till December next or longer according to the best of their Performances notwithstanding the number of them are Considerably encreased.

The Muster of the Dimitys N°. 1 that wee sent your Honour &c^{r}: appears to us to be a very good piece of Cloth which cannot possible be had for a less Price than 95 Pag^{s}. ℔ Corge as was marked upon the piece, att which rate our merchants have undertaken to provide Two hundred pieces as you are pleased to direct.

Enclosed comes the Copys of the late arrack Farmers and bound renters receipts for their rents paid by them during M^{r}: Hastings Governm^{t}: here which as Marr Kistna usually receiv'd from them, their receipts where therefore given them under his hand but none on the backs of y^{r}. Cowles.

We send your Hon^{r}: &c^{r}. likewise an Invoice of the Cattamaran Wood, that was procured sometime ago att Tranquebar, and sent you from hence in September last.

The Young Derby doth not yet appear in sight when she arrives we shall loose no time in returning her.

Wee are sorry to hear of the Death of M^{r}. Oadham Lieutenant Ogden according to your orders left this place [. . .] and we hope is by this time att Fort S^{t}. George.

Wee [. . .] Mango Plank but hope we may [. . .] in a little more [. . .] supply your occasions.

Wee ha[ve le]tt out our Ferry boat as wee advised yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. for Eighty Pag^{s}. ℔ ann̄: to Commence after the Expiration of this month and have nothing further now to add, who are with much respect

Fort S^{T}. David
March 23^{D}: 172⅔.

Hon^{BLE}: S^{R}. and S^{RS}.
Your Obed^{t}: Humble Servants
Will^{M}: Jennings.
J. Berlu.
Aug: Burton.
Sim: Holcombe.
R. Brooke.
Jn: Sanderson.
Peter Tahourdin.

N°. 30.

To the Hon'ble Nath^{LL}: Elwick Esq^{R}:
Presid^{T}. and Gov^{R}: of Forts
S^{T}. George & S^{T}. David &c^{R}.
Council.

Hon'ble S^{R}. and S^{RS}.

Since our last of the 23^{d}: Instant is come to our hands your Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: of the 22^{d}: and yesterday in the Evening arrived here the Brig^{t}: Young Derby.

Our Washers will have work enough to cure as they shou'd do the Cloth wee have Contracted for this Year by the time your Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: will require itt to be done, without any probibility of their being left unemployed any time between this and December next, in the dry Season that is now coming on, the Renters must have the Water sometimes turn'd into their Paddy [fields for] want of which for some months in the year often [disputes arise] between the Renters and the Washers, [. . .] obliged to stand [. . .] for [. . .] water or the [Renters] must loose their Grain upon the Ground [if] they do not some times turn the Course of itt for preserving the [Grain].

The Washers were very [hard] sett to provide for the Middlesex being kept att work night and day for near Two months time and yet 400 Bales ℔ Month [were] the most they coud then cure.

What proof Gonnap[ute] Chittees Widow can produce for her charge against Mark[istna] comes here Enclosed, Wee presume in all differences determined by Arbitration the Partys concerned shall abide by the award of the arbitrators or pay the Penalty they lay themselves under, tho this hath not been required from Nellee Chittee, who [chargeth] the arbitrators with having done him Injustice but hath no manner of proof to Confirm what he alledgeth agst: them which wee thought sufficient without examining further into the meritts of y^{e}. cau[se].

Sunca Ramah shall be duly debted here for what your Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: have paid him, and wee shall give the other Merchants bills of Exchange for what due [to] them whenever they desire itt. who will be glad to accept of th[em] very shortly although they decline itt att present on account of the trouble[some] charge of bringing the money overland hither.

By your orders for M^{r}. Burtons taking charge of the Generall books, he understands that M^{r}. [Berlu] is to resign his office of Accomptant which having occasion'd some Debate here, wee must desire to know your Hon^{r}; &c^{r}: pleasure, whether M^{r}. Berlu shall intirely resign that Office or if itt was only designd for M^{r}. Burton to act in the same Capacity as M^{r}. Berriman did before him in respect of that Office.

We shall return the Young Derby as soon as she can be loaden and if any mango plank can be procur'd by the time of her Departure, itt shall be sent upon her w^{ch}. with our best respects Concludes this From

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH 26: 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Your Obed^{t}: Humble Servant
WILL^{M}: JENNINGS &c^{R}.

N^{o}. 31.

TO THE [HON^{BLE}. NATH^{LL}. ELWICK ESQ^{R}.]
PRESID^{T}. AND GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
& S^{T}. DAVID &c^{R}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.

Your Hon^{s}: &c^{r}: of the 26 and 30 ult^{o}: are both come to our hands, and we observe what you are pleased to write us in relation to our Former bound Renters & Arrack Farmers case under your Examination which for want of such sufficient proofs as are necessary for the discovery of truth and Justice of their cause your Honour &c^{r}. cannot yet come to a Finall Determination thereof.

Wee should be glad to have found in our books of Accounts, the severall Payments which they Charge upon Mar Kistna, that wou'd have prevented any Complaints of this kind and we now send your Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. [all] the Originall Receipts they having Copies thereof [all] attested before us in Consultation here, and the translates as duly attested in our Secretarys hands.

The Complainants having been acquainted here with your proceedings have nothing further to offer than what hath already passed, nor can they produ[ce] any better proofs for the support of their charge as the nature of the case is, who do not allow the 725 Pag^{s}: to be any part of the 1242 6 charged in their Account.

Your orders came to late for loading any Sea Coals upon the Young Derby, she having taken in so many of her Bales that the master coud not conveniently make Room for them nor can we yet procure any Mango plank which shall be sent you as soon as possibly it can be had from Nagore or that part of the Coast where there is the most likelyhood of obtaining itt & with the Sea Coales may be sent by the Young Derby or if you shoud not think fitt to send her this way again, by some other Conve[yance].

The Nabobs advancing [so near Fort] S^{t}. George as Covelong with such a [numerous army] as he must have with him in all [likelihood] [will cause] some Impedim[ent] [*a few words lost*] shall therefore take [the] more care in for[ward]ing our buissiness here in case [of] any such disappointment as we shall also to have our Garrison in good order and [well] provided with Arms and Outguards well secured, and in [the] mean time we must desire when you can Conveniently [hire] them that you'l supply us with a Few European Souldiers a large draught of the best of our Europeans [were] sent from hence about Two years ago, design'd for the West Coast Service that here are but a very small number [of] them now left.

Young Derby will [be] ready to sail from hence some time to morrow she having taken in 200 Bales and two Garse of Gram from

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. AND S^{RS}.

Your Obed^{t}: Hum^{ble}: Servants

WILL^{M}: JENNINGS.
J. BERLU.
AUG: BURTON.
R. BROOKE.
JN^{O}. SANDERSON.
PETER TAHOURDIN.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
APRIL 2^{D}: 1723.

P.S.

Inclosed are both the bound Renters and Arrack Farmers Acco^{ts}: as they stand upon our Gene^{ll}: books.

Idem.

W: J. &c^{r}.

N^{O}. 32.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. NATH^{L}: ELWICK
PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}: &C^{R}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: &C^{R}.

After duly acknowled[g]ing the Receipt of your Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: Letter of the 20 Ult^{o}: that came to hand the [. . .] [we begg] that we may be permitted to Sue for a pardon [*a few words lost*] [Transgress] [and upon our] [. . .] that we thought no Ill, your Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. will please to put a milder Construction upon that unguarded Expression Censured [*a few words lost*] [so] harsh a sound that we need [. . . ake] us sens[. . . .[Duty feel any further Effects of [your] Hon^{r}: &c^{r}: displeasur[e as] to severities toward the Inhabi[tants] as we yet have not so shall we never inflict any upon [them] but in all matters of Consequence that occur advise as [soon as] possible and wait your Hon^{r}. &c^{rs}: orders as well in that [as all] other occasions, Wee are glad to hear that the Brillant [Galley] and Munchua are safe arrived with the Bales laden [on] them we can say no more to the 8 p^{s}. of Cattamaran wood [than] that they were sent on board and the Master has sign'd [a] Bill of lading for them tho there was such a report after [the] Vessell saild from hence that some p^{s}. of Cattamaran [wood] were drove ashore in a Bay 3 leagues to the Southward [of] this place.

Your Hon^{r}. &c^{rs}: orders relating to the [Conicoply] shall be duly Comply'd with so soon as he has [paid] the money or given us security that he will do itt [in]

any reasonable time the greatest hardship he has undergone has been only Confinement to the Fort with Permission to go out to eat att proper times as for [seizing] his private papers we never designd any such thing they were found among a great number belonging to the Company under his charge.

By the Ingeram Cloth stop'd by the Nabob we meant those bales sent overland by Mr. Faucett taken notice of in ours of the 8 Janry: and upon which accot. we detaind the Derby three Days therefore we thought itt proper to mention itt as a reason they were not sent by that Conveyance to satisfie your Honr. &cs: in what you require of us whether any of the Quottapatam Cloth was stopd att that time, we assure you there was not but Immediately after there was and is now, tho as we do not Immediately want itt we shall take no further thought of itt when the Nabob finds he can gett nothing he will lett itt go of his own accord as he us'd to do when he Governed ys. Country It was an oversight in the Storekeeper [not] signing to the account remains which we [assure you] shall not happen another time.

[*A few words lost*] to the [. . .] Sanula [. . .] come with a Ph[irmaund for] this Governmt. but as he is [very] young Muckan[. . .] the managemt: of every thing in his way to Cass[imcoat] met the new nabob he called here with whom for a [small] present of about 30 Pags. value we Cultivated a Friendship [which] we hope will be of service to us, the nabob is att Cass[imcoat] and has summoned all the Rajahs to attend upon [him t]here wee have likewise had a Sumons to send our Vakeel [with the] Customary prest:

Our Cash begins [to run] low the ballance of which att the end of this month [does not] exceed Twelve Thousand Rupees, wherefore if your [Honr:] &cr. thinks proper we shoud proceed in our Investment [we] shall then stand in need of a supply wch: we desire may be [in new] Madrass Pags. Last night we receivd a Letter from Mr. Faucett att Ingeram Copy of which with our answer to him we here enclose being not willing to give our consent to so [great] a charge wch: without any detriment to our Hon'ble Masters Affairs may be in great measure avoided.

We are

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{r}.

Your most Obedt: Humble. Servant

Robert Symonds.
Stephen Newcome.
Charles Simpson.

Vizagapatam
March 13 1723.

No. 32.

To the Worship^{ll}: Robert Symonds Esq^{r}:
Cheif &c^{r}: Councill

Worsh^{ll}: S^{r}.

Our Braminy Nilladre has now been att Dasheroon seven days with the Nabob Arab beeg Cawn and every day I have sent him word that what Cloth we have Invested here, was so small that itt was not worth his notice yet [I] find by Nilladree who is returned that there is no quieting [him].

Three days ago he desired [. . .] Pag: [. . .] [. . .Pe]rwanna for any place in these parts and yesterday he [threatned] to send some Horsemen to force me to go to him and this Day he Insists upon having to the amount of Three Hundred Pags. in Goods given him I desire your Worshipp &cr. will Consider of this matter send what you think proper for him, I have now Included a List of all we have left for Presents.

Worship^{l}. S^{r}. &c^{r}.

Your Humble Servt.

Thos. Faucett.

Ingeram
the [8th.] March 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

N°. 32.

To Mr. Thomas Faucett.

Sr.

Yesterday in the Evening we recd yours [of] the 8 Inst. wherein you advise us that the Nabob [Arab Be]gg Cawn has started a demand of a present and he was more than ordinary pressing upon you to comply wee have throughly Considered upon the matter and find that it will be of ill Consequence to our Hon'ble masters Affairs there to comply especially with such extravagant Demands in regard that they will make it a Sallabad & demand the like Sum every Year at least every new nabob will expect it, wherefore we think that any tolerable Inconveniency ought to be bore with rather than fall into such prejudicial measures. We cannot but think that Fifty Pags. applyed to Sevamull and some others may afford you an Opportunity to put him off from time to time under pretence of receiving orders from Madrass, the arrivall of the present by Shipping and such like pretences till your Rajah hath made up matters and is in a Capacity to Screen you from an attempt that can be made upon your [Person] or Effects, as you have Investment going [Forward we must] in no wise prejudice you in that part[icular or] be so rude to [. . .] which [. . .] he will hardly [. . .] [We cannot] doubt but your Interest with the Rajah will afford you means to get out of the way & secure your Effects from falling into his hands in regard to which it will be necessary that you keep good Intelligence in his Camp to advise you when any thing is hatching agst. you.

As for his promise of granting you Perwannas it is nothing but a lure to draw you in, you may see by his treatment of the Dutch your neighbours wt. Account he makes of Perwannas, therefore that ought not in the least to Induce you to gratif[ie] his Avarice and Extortion, these are the best and safest Directions we can give you in this [nice] affair, and we doubt not but you will find some way to avoid putting our Hon'ble Masters to so great a Charge and drawing a [future] Inconvenience upon their Affairs in those parts.

We are

Sr.

Your loving Friends & Humble. Servts.

Vizagapatam
March 13th. 172⅔.

Robert Symonds.
Stepn. Newcome.
Charles Simpson.

N°. 33

To the Honble. Nathl. Elwick Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. of Fort
St. George & St. David &cr.
Council.

Honble. Sr. and Srs.

We wrote your Honour &cr. Yesterday overland and this serves only for dispatch of the Young Derby loaden with Two Hundred of our Bales, and Two Garse of Gram amounting to Pags. [Ten] Thousand nine Hundred and sixty nine Twenty [five fanams] one Cash as ℔ Invoice which [with] Bill of loading come Inclosed from

Honble. Sr. and Srs.
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servts.

Fort St. David
April 3d. 1723.

Willm. Jennings.
Jno. Berlu.
Aug: Burton.
R. Brooke.
Jno. Sanderson.
Peter Tahourdin.

P.S.
Inclosed is our Storekeeps. Account of Disburstments on the Brigane. Young Derby
Idem.

N°. 34

To the Hon^ble. Nath^l. Elwick Esq^r.
Presid^t. and Gover^r. of
Forts S^t. George and S^t. David
&c^r. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. and S^rs.

Since our last to your Hon^r. &c^r. of the 3^d. Inst^t. by the Young Derby the Merchants have requested our bills of Exchange upon your Hon^r. &c^r. for the amount of the ballance of their sever^ll. accounts which with our Account of Cash come Inclosed.

We have accordingly given them our bills upon your Hon^r. &c^r. of Yesterdays date being for Pagodas 4656 31 40 payable to Mouta Comrapilla or his order for Account of Sadashaverow &c^r. Merchants and another bill for 8092 Pag^s. payable to Comrapah or his order for account of Eram Rauze [&c^r.] which with our best Respects Concludes this.

Fort S^t. David
[April 5^th 1723.]

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.
Your obed^t. [humble Serv^ts.]

William Jennings &c^r

N°. 35

To the Hon^ble. Nath^ll. Elwick Esq^r.
Presid^t. for Affairs of
the R^t. Hon^ble. United Comp^y. of
Merchants of England trading
to the East Indies & Gov^r. of
Fort S^t. George &c^r. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^r.

Not having reed an answer yet to my last which accompanied my twelve months Acco^ts. this replys to your Hon^r. &c^s. general of the 18 January and incloses my two Accounts for said month & Febry.

I Humbly return your Hono^r. &c^r. thanks for giving me leave to come up to Madrass but the unlucky disappointment of [the] Parr my brother promised to send here and his keeping my Servant there so long without an answer that it was to late when he arriv'd to go by Sea the Southerly Wind being strongly sett in and all the boats gone from hence, has oblidged me to defer accepting your Hon^r. &c^s. favour till some Sea conveyance offers, because my Circumstances will not admitt of my coming overland and bringing those things I did design along with me.

As to my expences I shall take care to lay out no more than what is allowable and absolutely necessary and shall be sure to use the utmost frugality in respect to the repairs ordered to be done to the Factory which I am now about, but the work goes on very slowly thro' the Difficulty of getting at present both materials and Workmen, The Dutch being rebuilding three quarters of their Factory, the Moors refitting the long bridge [and] seven or eight new houses a making, upon which account if I gett People att work one day I cant gett them the next, the Governm^t. pressing them for their buissiness, besides the trouble of getting them, they now ask a greater rate for their hire, a Carpenter or Bricklayer that work't before for eighteen pence ℔ diem will not now for less than twenty four, however I hope to gett what is remaining to be done, finished by the middle of next month and then will send your Honour &c^r. an Account perticulars and insert the amount under the head of Factory repairs in my months account, that shall come with it.

In your Hon^r. &c^r. generall of the 30^th. November, your orders for new tyling the House seem to be Countermanded without which we shall be in as bad a plight as ever in the rainy season, the charges thereof will not be [so] great as I presume

your Honour &c . conceives for sever[ll]. of the old Tiles will serve again, and ading new ones to them, with the bricklayers Cooly will not all Amount to above eight or Ten Pagodas, therefore I hope your Honour &c[r]. woud be pleased to confirm these orders again for our conveniency of living in the Factory as likewise the preserving the beams and planks within from rotting as also the Floors w[ch]. are all boarded.

I return your Hon[r]. &c[r]. many thanks for the stationary ware and box of Physick and am with my most humble respects

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[R].

METCHLAPATAM
MARCH 25[TH]. 1723.

Your most obedient and most
Oblidged humble Servant
HUMPHREY HOLCOMBE.

N°. 36.

TO THE HON[BLE]. NATH[L]. ELWICK
ESQ[R]. PRESID[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORTS
ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &C[R].
COUNCIL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. AND S[RS].

This serves to acknowledge the receipt of your Hon[rs]. &c[r]. of the 6 instant, and to advise of having loaden on the Ramah Sloop some Sea Coal with Seventy bales of Callicoes amounting to Pag[s]. 3745 35 54 as ℔ Invoice which with Bill of lading comes inclosed.

As soon as the Young Derby arrives here she shall be loaden and returned to you.

If there can be one or two good saddle horses spared out of your Stables at Fort S[t]. George will be of some service to us, those we [had] here of any value being lately dead.

We desire [likewise] when you can conveniently supply us that you woud be pleased to send us one hundred Bayonnet pieces which upon overlooking our Arms we find wanting to make up a sufficient stock of spare Arms for the whole Garrison which with our best respects, is all that now offers from

HON[BLE]. S[R] AND S[RS].

FORT ST. DAVID
APRIL 11[TH]. 1723.

Your most Obed[t]. Humb[ble]. Servants
WILL[M]. JENNINGS &C.

N°. 37.

TO THE HON[BLE]. NATH[LL]. ELWICK ESQ[R].
&C[R]. COUNCILL OF MADRASS.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. AND S[RS].

Our extraordinary necessitys for Garrison stores being opposed by Boyanore who has brought the French into his Country in opposition to the Lawfull Sovereigne and our Hon[ble]. Masters Interest did on the 9[th]. and 14 of last month come with an Army of least Eight Thousand Men and assaulted [all] our Garrisons of Ponella Moylan and Mooh[ara] also the Nayros Houses in Aliance with us, We [have] given them very warm receptions and obliged them [to] retreat with great loss, but as they threaten to return [a]gain and may take the Opportunity of a long Raine [to] annoy us, We have for the preservation of the Garrison and Pepper trade taken the following stores out of [these] Ships Viz[t].

Ship Hannover Cap[t]. James Hurdis Viz[t].

Six barrells of Country Madrass Powder Nett Seven Hundred ninety one pounds Thirty four Shotts round Viz[t]. Twenty Six of eight pound each Eight of Six Ditto.

Ship King George Capt. Timothy Tullie Vizt.

Six barrels English Cannon Powder weig[hing] Six hundred Sixteen pound nett Two Hundred Shott round Sakers between [five] and six pound each.

[and] request your Honour &cr. will make the above [stores] good to the respective owners and advise us [thereof] that may accordingly creditt our [account] [therewith] for the same.

We are

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 3D. 1723.

HONBLE. SR. AND SRS.

Your most humble. Servants

ROBT. ADAMS.
JOHN JOHNSON.
STEPN. LAW.

N°. 38.

TO THE HONBLE. NATHL. ELWICK ESQR.
PRESIDT. [&] GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. SRS.

The First of [last] month the Perry Brigantine arrived here by which [we] were Honoured wth. your Letter Dated 24 October 1722 [ad]vising of the arrivall of the Drake, the Receipt of our [pac]quett by her and your approving Supravisor &cr. Transactions as also the arrivall of the Young Derby, for the bad Condition of which and the loss of the Metchlapatam we are heartily sorry Wee shall now proceed to inform your Honour &cr. of the posture of Affairs here, since the Supravisors departure under the prescribed generall heads as Follows.

AS TO SHIPPING.

The George Brigantine was dispatch'd for Moco Moco the 21 July with a Supply of Money and Wares from whence she returned the 5 of Septembr. with a loading of boards Cooly Coys and other materials for building ye. 18 October she was sent back thither in order to take on board [what] Pepper was ready in the Northern Settlemts. and the 17 Decembr. she arrived here from Moco Moco wth. a loading of Pepper.

The Goodfellow was dispatch'd Augst. 14 to the Port of Manno on a design (which we are sorry to acquaint you) has proved unsuccessfull, a pr.ticular account of which you will see in a Representation of itt made by Mr. John Shewen who was employ'd therein, Entered after a Consultation of October the 8 She return'd from thence October 6, and has since brought up what Pepper was att Sillebar, Decembr. the 8 we dispatch'd her to Moco Moco & sent thither by her Mr. Peter Shelly Cheif of that place with a supply of Money Men and Stores from whence we daily expect her here with Timbers boards &cr.

The Lethieulier Capt. John Edwards arrived here October 18 from London we are heartily sorry [she] has been detain'd so long on this Coast, having expected [to] [dis]patch her soon enough to save her Passage to Mad[rass] [that] she might have Sail'd for England in Febry for w[ch.] rea[so]n we have not garbled the Pepper on board her but we [have] been disappointed partly by want of boats & bad Wheather, but especially by the Sicklyness of the Season, above half the Compas: Servants being very ill & not in a Condition to do any buissiness, We shall take the most effectuall method we can to remedy the delay occasion'd by the want of boats by oblidging the Pangarans as soon as the Prows come in to keep up a Constant number having already advanced them some money on that Account.

We send in the Pacquett Duplicate of the Comps. Letter by the Ship Lethieulier her Invoice and Charter Party as also a list of what Ships &cr. have arrived att and departed from this Port since [our] last [We have order]ed Ship Lethieulier to

touch att Moco [Moco] [to take in] what Pepper remains there of [which the] Chief & the Councill there of that place will send a Particular [Account] as we do herewith of what loaded on board her and the George att this place.

The Ship Queen lyes here in a very bad Condition and we are often put to much trouble and charge to send People to her assistance for fear of her sinking, We shall be oblidged if she grows worse to take out her lead and Iron and to hawl her ashore if we can for her preservation which we hope you will approve we must desire your orders about her by the first Conveyance.

As to Goods from Europe or Fort St. George.

We return your Hon^r^. &c^r^. our thanks for the seasonable supply, sent us by the Perry without which we should have found itt difficult to have dispatcht'd the George Brigantine for the remainder, and wh[at] we may receive we promise you the utmost Frugality [our] Storehouse is very bare of every thing having receiv'd no supply of that kind by the Lethieulier as you will see by her Invoice, so we must intreat youl send us the Stores mentioned in the Inclosed List also some Long Cloth white for the purchase of Pepper att the Nothern Settlements and some goods for presents to the Country People, We are greatly in want of Slaves to carry on our works, Cooley hire making our expences run very high, twould be of great Service to us of [*sic*] you coud assist us with some Smiths and Bricklayers, Our Stock of Cattle is very low we beg youl send us some Cows and Goats by the first occasion, Wee must particularly intreat you to send us a supply of Medicines there being scarce any left fitt for use, and we presume yo^e^. are sensible y^t^. this place cant be without a large and frequent supply of that kind, Wee have almost half the Garrison sick of Intermitting fevers, and not one pound of Peruvian bark on the Coast, We observe what you are pleased to write about Fanams they did very well to the Northward so we must request a supply of them as also some Copper Cash and a Silver Chop for the use of this Settlem^t^. that which we now use belonged formerly to Bantall Factory.

By the Lethieulier the Hon^ble^. Court of Directors Consign'd us fourteen Chests of Treasure and five Pipes of Madera Wine the latter of which proved to be but half full, M^r^. Tunster as ℔ his Consultation of the 29 Octob^r^. ordered five more which happened to be in the same Condition so that we have only had five whole Pipes and our monthly expence being one Pipe and a half our stock is already very low so must request a Supply there is such a Scarcity of Arrack here that find itt Impossible to purchase itt att the price fixt by M^r^. Hubbard in his Consultation of June 21 wherein itt was ordered that Arrack shoud be delivered the Companys Servants att Thirty Six Dollars ℔ Leager [theres none] to be bought under Seventy Dollars ℔ Leaguer att this time and since the price is so uncertain we must desire a Generall liberty in this particular which we will take care shall not be abused.

Concerning Investments.

We are sorry to acquaint you that the [Quantity] of Pepper receiv'd from these and the Nothern Settlements does not answer expectation, there being on board the Lethieulier only Two hundred ninety four Bahan one hundred a Quarter and Twenty pounds and on the George Brigantine One hundred and Seventy Bahan five hundred and Seventy pound.

As to the reason of the deficiency to the Northward we begg leave to referr to our Consultation of December 3^d^.

We now transmitt you a Survey of Pangaran Soongy Etams Pepper Plantation taken in Octob^r^. last but as there is no great Confidence to be reposed in him shall in a few days send out an European [. . .] Jenytoolis, and a Buggueese Guard to [. . .] the same method as is practised in the [. . .] by which we shall be able to discover who are negligent and advise you more exactly for the Future what Quantity of Pepper we may reasonable expect that your Hon^r^. &c^r^. may not be deceived with hopes of more than is really to be had and wee promise your orders for a Survey twice a Year shall be punctually observed.

OF TRADE IN GENERALL & THERIN ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

We observe What. the Hon^ble^. Court of Directors write in their Gener^ll^. Letter ℔ the Lethieulier ab^t^. their settlem^t^. of Moco Moco, which we are perswaded is owing to their not being fully apprised of the Importance of that place to the Comp^s^. Interest, We beg leave to assure Your Hon^r^. &c. that the Comp^s^. Affairs will suffer very much if there is not a Cheif and Councill there and we are humbly of opinion that instead of lessening the number of Servants in that place there ought to be a further supply especially military sent thither a Considerable Force being absolutely necessary to keep that Country in Awe and since we have reason to believe that the greatest Quantity of Pepper is to be expected from those Nothern Settlem^ts^. we doubt not you will agree with us; they ought not to be neglected, the Deputy Gov^r^. having been convinced of the truth of this by long experience, humbly desires leave to referr your Hon^r^. &c. to a Generall Letter from Moco Moco on that Subject Dated October 31, you have herewith a list of Chinese and their employs, Wee have lately appointed one See Gibb as head over them and in every respect the fittest wee coud chuse for this employ. He seems inclinable to sett about the old project of making Sugar and arrack but in that case desires the Company may allow him fifty male & Fifty Female Slaves for his Assistance, which he has made appear will greatly ease the charge as you will observe by his proposalls coppy of which we herewith send you, he has likewise engaged to procure a Considerable number of China men this Season alledging that their want of a Cheif has been the cause that no more are already come you will also perceive by comparing list with the last sent y^t^. there has been great mortality among them.

We are glad to advise you that the Coun[try] is in perfect peace the People come down to their Doosans as formerly and seem every where to be well affected to the Comp^s^. Interest which good intelligence we shall endeavour to maintain a great many of the Country People have been with us requesting Chops for the Security of the Pepper Plantations they design to make, How soon we have recovered our health we design to Summon the Proatteens round us Viz^t^. those in the Territories of the Pangarans Soongy Lama Soongy Etam Boundseradin & Jantinelly as also those of Talla &c. to give them all Imaginable Assurances of our protection and Friendship to Encourage them to plant Pepper Trees, nor are we without hopes y^t^. our endeavours herein will have the desired effect from the good disposition the People seem att present to be in.

The Pangaran of Manno has [wrote] the Deputy Gove^rr^. a private Letter acknowledging the Receipt of One Hundred Dollars from M^r^. Hubbard which he pro[mi]ses to repay and that he will shortly make him a visitt but says nothing about the disappointm^t^. occasioned by the breach of his promises since our last Dyed Dupatty Benteerin in whose room the Pangarans have Constituted a new Proatteen well affected to the Company which we hope will be for their Advantage, Rajah Nassattie his Confederate who some time since went to Pullembang is now returned he behaves himself very quietly att present and we shall keep a strict eye over him for the Future.

Pangaran Jantinelly having made his Submission and acknowledged his Fault is restored to his Governm^t^. for a particular Account of which [we take the] liberty to refer to a Consultation of August 15.

TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS [BUILDINGS] & REVENUES.

We send you a particular list of [. . . .] Buildings by which you will be informed of their ℔sent Condition and how far they have been carry'd on under the management of the respective Deputy Govern^s^. and we promise to exert our selves as much as possible to finish them w^th^. all expedition, as to the buildings to the N^o^.ward be pleased to be referred to M^r^. Peter Shelleys Letter to us and the orders we have given him about that Affair, the Resident att Sillebar complaining to us that the Compa^s^. house there was so ruinous that he coud not with safety lodge

in itt, we ordered a survey thereof and find by the report made to us tis impossible to repair itt so we have ordered itt to be rebuilt, Judging itt necessary for the Interest of our Hon^ble^. Masters to maintain that settlement.

We have allmost Finished a new Pepper Godown which being more than sufficient to contain the Pepper we can expect for some time we have made a Storehouse of about one third of itt, where the Stores that are of most value will be better secured than in the Bamboo houses there are also good Lodgings over itt which will accommodate some of the Compa^s^: Servants.

Wee continue according to Orders to bring our bricks from York Fort See [Gibb] has lately burnt a kiln containing Seventy Thousand bricks and has another ready to burn as for Chinam we have now as much [wor]k't as can be used.

Touching the Abatement made the renters of the Arrack and Opium License we begg leave to referr to M^r^: Willfords Consultation of Novemb^r^. 29 in which you will see the reasons of itt, We shall endeavour as soon as possible to advance itt to the first price but fear itt will be some time first, the want of Arrack and the small number of Chinees and Military being a great discouragem^t^. to the Renters.

CONCERNING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS SOULDIERS AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

Wee thank Yo^e^. Hon^r^. &c. for the supply of Servants sent us by the Perry we take notice of the Characters you [are] pleased to give of them but more especially of M^r^. David [Carnegie] who we take the liberty to assure you is every way deserving of itt, and make no doubt will meritt your future [favours] the Deputy Gover^r^. in particular returns you his thanks for [con]firming him second of the Coast and is very sensible of your favour in promising to determine his Affair by the next conveyance.

Tis with the greatest Concern we acquaint Your Hon^r^. &c. with the Death of Thomas Dunster Esq^r^. late Deputy Gov^r^: of the 13 November of a violent fever & what adds to this misfortune, is the disorder in which he has left his Affairs there being a very Considerable defficiency of the Honble Compa^s^. Cash during his Administration on w^ch^. Account we have been Oblidged to perform our duty to our Hon^ble^: Masters in seizing part of his Estate to make itt good we send herewith Account of the particulars seized which are valued [att] the same prizes paid for them by the Deceased, For a more full Account of this unfortunate Affair, and our proceedings therein we take the liberty to refer to our Consultation of the 14 Decemb^r^: and hope Your Hon^r^: &c. will app[rove] our management.

We must also inform Your Hon^r^. &c. of the Deficiency found in the Quantity of Pepper bought by M^r^. Peter Shelley whilst he was Pepper Godown keeper being Eighty nine Baharr One hundred and fourteen pound for the reason of which we begg leave to referr you to a representation made [by him] to M^r^. Hubbard entered after his Consultation of June the 4 and to our Consultation of December y^e^. 26 desiring youl be pleased to send us your directions how to proceed in this Affair.

By the List of the Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Goven^t^. Servants you will see wee are in all but thirteeen on the Coast of which there are two who do no great Service Viz^t^. Mess^s^. John Bembowe and Arthur Crundall and two att Moco Moco Mess^s^. Peter Shelley and Patrick Brown so we are but [seven] who do the buissiness and very often five of us sick, by which you will perceive itt very needfull to send us a supply for the [future] (like Ships who make long Voyages) to [. . .]ment in case of Mortality.

We have appointed [M^r^. Peter Shelley Chief] of [Moco Moco] and M^r^. Patrick Brown second Store[k^r^.] Warehousek^r^. and Pepper Godownk^r^: and there being a vacancy in Councill we have called to the board M^r^. Thomas Black[all] Secretary which we doubt not your Hon^r^. &c. will approve it being his right and he having allways behaved himself with diligence and Fidelity in the Hon^ble^. Compa^s^. Service.

You will observe in a Consultation dated January the 12 a Complaint made by M^r^. Wheake of a Gross abuse offered him by M^r^. Moor one of our Surgeons who having made his Submission in asking pardon we have continued him in his Employ

but assure your Hon^{r}. &c^{r}. had M^{r}. Elliot the other Surgeon being health we woud have dis[miss]ed him the Service having had severall complaints about the [hos]-pitall which we are oblidged to putt up, M^{r}. Elliot being dangerously ill and he being the only one left in case of his Death.

We cant but observe to your Hon^{r}. &c. the Inequality of the Two Surgeons [Imp]loys in this place the Hospitall which M^{r}. Moor now [has] being the only profitable Station the other has nothing but his Salary & Allowances which in this place will bare[ly] maintain & M^{r}. Elliot being as to his buissiness at least [equ]all to his Colleque & a very carefull Sober and understanding man we hope you will take this Affair [into] your Consideration and give orders that our Surgeons may be upon a more equall Footing and take there stations at the Hospitall by turns.

This we woud have determined here had we not thought our selves oblidg'd to act with great Caution in making any alterations without Your Hon^{r}. &c. Permission

Your Orders to pay into Cash the Estates of Persons deceased shall be punctually observed we have paid the amount of Upcott Loves Estate being One Hundred Forty Two Dollars and a half to M^{r}. David Carnegie he showing us a Coppy of said [Lo]ves Will attested from the Mayors Court in Madrass [and] a Letter of Attorney from his Executor we shall [debt] M^{r}. Hopkins's Estate for the value of Sixty nine Pag^{s}. paid him att Fort S^{t}. George being One hundred and three Dollars 2 sucas and for Fifty dollars paid him att Moco Moco.

Lieutenant Cartwright being dead & Lieut: Nangle who is dangerously Ill being oblidged for his health to come to Fort S^{t}. George we have given an Ensi[gns] Commission to One Gabriel Stuart a Serjeant who has be[ha]ved himself well in order to send him down to Moco Moco which we hope you will approve.

We return our hearty thanks for the supply of Topasses sent us but cannot forbear observing how much you have been deceivd by Yo^{r}: Officers in the [choice] of them, We send your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. [a m]uster of what sort of Sou[ldiers] were sent us We [mean] an old man who begging leave to re[turn] we have consented to itt since his Assistance wont be much missed, In fine they have sent only boys and men ready to drop into their Graves thro age, for the Security of a place which you are very sensible is both sickly and by reason [of the tre]acherous Inclinations of the natives very often dangerous you will see how indifferently we are provided [of Mi]litary men [by the] List herewith sent for which reason [we] must request [a supp]ly, and doubt not your directions will [be] given that [only such] be sent as this place requires Wee sh[all] permit [such of the] Topasses now sent who shall desire to [re]turn after they have served three Years and shall observe Y^{r}. Orders as to Stopping the Money advanced them with you.

We have informed Francis Geary [what] you write Concerning him but he is so dangerously [Ill] he cant in his present Condition be carried on board with [out] hazarding his life.

Lieut^{t}. Nangle the Widow Har[. . .]and one Baugh whom we have permitted on thei[r requesting to] come to Fort S^{t}. George having taken their Pass[age by this] Ship the latter was formerly ordered home by the [Company] in their Letter by the Drake.

We send a List of [. . .] Employm^{ts}. [*a few words lost*] who concealed himself in the Ship unknown to the Cap^{t}. he has delivered us eleven and on his request we have paid him for their Passage being four pound for each according to Charter Party We have also paid the Surgeon of the Ship Twenty Six Dollars for his care of them.

The four Slaves return'd us by the Perry we have receivd and one of the Malefactors the other died in the Passage we shall creditt you as you order att Eighty doll^{s}. each as also for the Amount of the Provisions laid in for the Covenanted Servants and Military that came on the Perry & for money advanced the latter in Madrass.

TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

Herewith you'l receive our monthly Accompts from the Ult°. June to the first Decembr. which by reason of Sickness we have not had time to examine them this we intreat you'l excuse and we will as soon as possible sett about itt and hope to send you correct Copies of them by the Perry which is expected next month from Batavia the Moco Moco accompts are not sent there having been no Covenanted Servants at that place ever since August last but Mr. Lewis Deane only [who being] most part of that time out of Order but they are [now Cop]pying and we shall not fail to send them by the [Perry.]

Wee design to begin our Generall books from the 1 Decembr. having taken account remains att that time but Mr. Pyke having kept no regular Accompts Wee cannot exactly know the value of the severall articles of Dead Stock there having been no estimate made of the buildings &c. in the Supravisors time so we must of necessity value them anew in which we shall endeavour to come as near the truth as the Imperfect Accompts we have will enable us to do.

We shall observe what particulars orders we may have formerly recd from you on this head mean time we must request your directions Touching our Genell. [Books] and that you woud be pleased to send us a Coppy [*a few words lost*] and one months [Journall] Parcells by which we shall be [enabled] to go on in [the] same method which is practised by you and to charge the severall particulars of Stores &c. under their proper heads this is also necessary in order to our Sub Accomptants being acquainted with the Compas. particular methods tho this shall not hinder us to begin and when we have recd your orders can make such alterations as you are pleased to direct.

We send Your Honr. &c. an estimate of our monthly charge by which you will be able to Judge how long our present Stock of Cash will be sufficient to support our charge we shall not fail our Hon'ble Masters Orders in being Carefull not waste their Estates in unnecessary buildings &c. but [yet] we must observe to you that the most effectual way to be truly parsimonious in this particular is to finish those that absolutely necessary wth. the utmost expedition that tho the charge for Some time must be Considerable it may not be encreased by doing things by halfs and being oblidged to supply a Contin[ual] expence.

Thus we have given your Honr. &c. as [full] an Account of our present Condition as we can and if we have omitted anything materiall we begg to be excused do us the Justice &c. to believe that we have and will on all occasions [exert our]selves to the utmost for the Interest of our Hon'ble Masters and we are sincerely and respectfully Their and

HONBLE. SR. AND SES.

Your most Obedt. Humble. Servants

FORT MAR'LBRO
JANY. 23 172⅔

LEWIS DEANE.
EDMD. BUG[DEN].
THOS. WILF [. . .].
PHIL, HUGH [. . .]
THOS. [. . .].

Your Honr. &c. will be pleased to [refer to our] Consultation dated Jan. 12 the suspension [of Mr.] Henry Bailey lately a Factor was look't into [. . .]—ing the misdeamenours alledged against him [being of a] heinous nature and he making no defence but [. . .] we thought fit to order him to Fort St. George [to answer to] his accusation before Your Honr. &c. since when we ha[ve] recd a Petition from him desiring liberty to stay till th[is] occasion by reason of his Illness (which he being very sick we have granted).

You will see in our Consultation of [. . .] Decembr. [that] there were Seven Ounces and a Quarter [wanting] [*sic*] the [w]eight [of] Silver sent by the Perry itt was weigh[ed] in the [presence] of the Master who can attest the same you will be pleased to creditt us four Pags. twenty three ffa[nams] being the value of itt.

There are in the Invoice of the George Brigantine Three Hundred and forty bars of Iron & Ten Pigs of lead we are informed by the master that there is a greater Quantity on board her but neither [he] nor any of the Comps. Servants remains. here know of any more being sent of from hence, We hope you will not accuse us of this neglect since it was transacted before our time, had we known any thing of itt ere the Pepper w[ent] on board we shoud have [caused] itt to be weigh'd we must beg your excuse for omitting the charges of boat hire in the same Invoice the Resids. of Moco Moco not having sent us an account thereof but we shall send a Coppy by next Conveyance with this Error amended & give orders that there be no more such mistakes for the time to come.

Since writing this See [Gibb] has requested of us to permitt a China Man to [take] his Passage on the George which we have granted Wee are as above.

Idem.

P.H.W. L.D.
T.B. E.B.

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